SENATE BILL 3196

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 3, relative to appeals of contested case hearings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-322, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (d) through (g) of this section, any party to the review proceeding may request a de novo hearing and, upon such request being made prior to the hearing, the reviewing court shall conduct such hearing de novo.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.